old tickets, advice to visitors through CCTV to retain entry tickets, regular monitoring of sold tickets, vigilance checks by headquarter staff etc. have been initiated to minimize possible recycling of tickets.

Aircrafts utilised by Vayudoot

1749. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircrafts are being utilised in the Southern sector under Vayudoot service; and

(b) what is their utilisation per day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Vayudoot has deployed two Dornier-228 aircraft for operation of its services in the Southern region.

(b) The average utilisation per day of these aircraft in the Southern region is 9 hours 50 minutes which includes night air mail operations also.

Annual allocation of Budget for research to the AIIMS

1750. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what on an average is the annual allocation made to the AIIMS and other Medical Research Centres in the country and what percentage of the allocation is spent by each of these Research Centres;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the research work undertaken by the AIIMS is on collaboration basis with certain countries whose influence in a big way on the areas to be chosen for research having relatively less importance to the needs of the Indian people;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor stating the major areas of research undertaken by the AIIMS having relevance and needs of the country's masses so far stating the research work published; and

(d) whether Government propose to formulate a policy with regard to the areas of research according to the needs of the country, if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) On an average a sum of Rs. 9 lakhs is provided for Research purposes at the AIIMS, New Delhi. In respect of other Medical Research Centres, the Indian Council of Medical Research allocate provisions to various Research Centres according to their requirements and within the financial allocation made to the ICMR. During 1985-86, the actual Plan and non-Plan expenditure of ICMR is about Rs. 3,822 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The major areas of research undertaken by AIIMS which are relevant to the needs of the country are malnutrition, Goitre, Malaria, Tuberculosis, Filaria, Leprosy Human Reproduction, Water Borne diseases etc. The research work carried out by the Institute is published in its annual reports.

(d) The research programmes formulated and carried out by the ICMR are largely in accordance with planned priorities in areas of relevance to the country's health needs. These programmes are discussed by duly constituted bodies of the ICMR on which the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are also represented.

Incidence of polio in Bihar

1751. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details regarding increase in the number of polio cases in the State of Bihar particularly in the areas where Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are living; and